III. *The Lunar Eclipſe*, Oct. 11, 1772, *obſerved at* Canton. *Communicated by* John Blake, *Eſq. of* Parliament-Street.

Redde, Nov. 4, 1772.

To JOHN BLAKE, *Eſq. of* Parliament-Street, Weſtminſter.

MY DEAR FATHER,

WITHIN an hour after I cloſed my letter to you, by this ſhip, encloſing Aſtronomical Obſervations from Pekin, I received the encloſed obſervation, of the late Eclipſe, made by a Jeſuit here. An accident prevented their ſealing the packet for a few hours; and Mr. Hume is now waiting only for this letter of mine to finally diſpatch.

Canton, Dec. 12, 1772.
per ſhip Oſterley.

J. B. BLAKE.

I know nothing of the accuracy of the obſervation, as he is lately arrived here *.

* And the time being taken only by a watch regulated by the ſun the day before, the obſervation is not much to be depended on. NEVIL MASKELYNE.

Obſervatio Lunaris Eclipſeos habita Cantone, die 11 Octobris, 1772.

Obſervationem inſtitui teleſcopio 6 palmarum: tempus adnotavi oſtenſum ab horologio parvo ſecundorum, ſpirâ, a mag^o. Arnold Londinenſi elaborato, quod in meridie vero antecedente correxi; illius tamen fidelitatem examinare non potui in meridie ſequenti. Cœlum erat omni ex parte limpidiſſimum, et intentus expectabam penumbræ denſioris adventum, quæ tamen valdè tenuis apparuit, ideoque initium non notavi.

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Jam cœperat Eclipſis ——	10	54	26
Forſan 32″ citius fuiſſet.			
Initium verum ——	10	53	54
Immerſio ——	12	3	29
Medium ——	12	58	59
Emerſio ——	13	54	29
Finis ——	15	4	4